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Landscapers To Learn Drought Survival in Fresno, Walnut Creek; 'Get Ahead or Get Parched: Six Ways To Survive the Drought'

SACRAMENTO – As California's drought heads into the hottest and driest months of water year 2014, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) at UC Davis are inviting professional landscapers to attend workshops in Fresno and Walnut Creek on how to reduce water use through improved system efficiency.

English and Spanish workshops will be conducted in separate sessions and will feature indoor and outdoor demonstrations on understanding precipitation rates to reduce runoff; improving sprinkler distribution uniformity to reduce water use; improving controller programs during mandatory water restrictions; determining application rates and precipitation rates of drip/micro irrigation, understanding soils to reduce runoff or deep percolation and understanding water meters to improve irrigation efficiency.

The **Walnut Creek English workshop session** will be held 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 25** in The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive in Walnut Creek. **The Spanish session** will be from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

The **Fresno workshops on Friday, June 27** will be held at Willow International Community College Center, Academic Center 1 Room 150, 10309 N. Willow Avenue, Fresno. **The English session** will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by a **session in Spanish** from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Registration links for all sessions are at <http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu>. Call 530-752-6642 for information. The \$20 registration fee includes an attendance certificate that can be used to obtain Continuing Education Units.

Note to Media: CCUH Executive Director Dave Fujino will be available in both cities for on-site interviews; his mobile number is 530-902-6818.

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